



Eastminster United Church

July 24, 2016

Tenth after Pentecost

**Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

"Forgiveness is the key that unlocks the door of resentment and the handcuffs of hate. It is a power that breaks the chain of bitterness and the shackles of selfishness."

-Corrie Ten Boom

"Every time God forgives us, God is saying that God's own rules do not matter as much as the relationship that God wants to create with us."

-Richard Rohr

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

*Opening Hymn VU #271 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We light this candle to affirm that love is stronger than hate.

All: **We light this candle to share love.**

Opening Prayer

adapted from Sue Ayer

Spirit of life and love,

we have gathered here in search of answers to hard questions.

We have come in search of understanding, in search of community.

We have come in search of hope and healing.

Let this be a place not only of searching, but of discovery.

Let this be a place of learning, but of wisdom.

Let this be a place not only of meeting, but of connection.

**And let this be a place where we meet compassion
and forgiveness for one another and ourselves.**

Amen.

*Sharing the Peace

The Sacrament of Baptism

Introduction

Parents' Promise and Commitment

Godparents' Promise and Commitment

*Congregational Promise and Commitment

Let us pledge our support and care to those who we have welcomed today.

In community together we are transformed by each newcomer. We rejoice in the gifts you bring to this congregation. We pledge to you our love and our support. With God's help, we will together live out and celebrate the life and ministry of being the church.

*Affirmation of Faith : A New Creed

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit**

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church;

**to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Blessing of the Water and the Act of Baptism

Baptismal Blessing VU# 452 You Have Put on Christ

The children are invited to art workshops in the Nursery!

We Share in Word and Song

Greek Scripture Luke 17:1-4

Greek Scripture Ephesians 4:30-32

One: The Word of Hope

All: Thanks be to God!

Meditation Forgiving Yourself

Rev. Sarah Miller

Solo Redemption Song

Composer Bob Marley

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn MV #95 How Deep the Peace

Please stand in body or in spirit during the last verse for the presentation of the offering.

*Dedication Prayer

Today

Scripture: Luke 17:1-4, Ephesians 4:30-32 **pages: 80 and 194**

* Welcome to Eastminster



Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and include your email address if you'd like to receive the weekly eblast announcements from Eastminster. Prayer requests can be added to the Prayer book also in the Narthex. Children are invited to Nursery (up to age 4) and Church School following the Children's Time. Please pick up children from Church school and Nursery following the service.

* **Today we welcome** through baptism Beatrice Kuru, daughter of Kelly and Dilhan Kuru.

* **Thank your to Michelle Suzanne** for sharing her gifts of music today!

Eastminster Events

* Worship Services

Our summer services explore more of your questions from our living the questions service.

July 31: I wonder how to keep Sabbath in a 24/7 world and is anyone else trying?
I wonder what it's like to rest, truly rest in experience

August 7: Guest Preacher Greg Daly

August 14: Guest Preacher Jim McKibbin

* July 31 following the service: East End United Church Update

In anticipation of Eastminster making a decision in late September about how to continue our participation in the East End United initiative Sarah and Chris will host an information session after service on July 31. For those who cannot attend that session there will be a second one in August (date to be determined). Please join us in the parlour to hear more about this important process.

* **October 22, 2016: Eastminster Choir presents Dancin' on the Danforth:** A star-studded evening of choral rock music followed by an open dance floor will have you reliving music of the 60s, 70s, and beyond. All proceeds will help make Eastminster's building accessible with a new elevator, ramp, and washrooms. Save the date and tell your friends! Tickets can be purchased at <http://https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/132154220RR0001-eastminster-united-church/events/3rd-annual-dancin-on-the-danforth-a-night-in-riverdale/>

Announcements

Sound

• Our apologies for the technical difficulties we experienced last Sunday with the sound system. If this happens again please feel free to sit closer to the front and let Rev. Sarah know.

Social Media

• Remember to follow us on Instagram! You can find us @eastminster_church

From Our Friends

* July 30, 2016: Jazz Vespers @4 30pm

The Hope United Church is located on the corner of Main & Danforth (2550 Danforth Ave). Similar to Eastminster United Church, they are in the midst of a renewal and transformation, as they seek to be a more vibrant presence in the community. They have an upcoming event – the Jazz Vespers! It will be from 4:30-5:15pm starring the Jim Clayton Duo. Jim Clayton will be playing piano and Steve Lucas will be playing the bass. If you have any questions or inquiries you can contact the Hope United Church at 416-691-9682.



*Read Beth Baskin's great **Justice Note**- bi-weekly updates & events notice here:

<https://torontoconference.ca/torontosoutheast/outreach-social-justice-project.php> or contact Beth at: bbaskin@united-church.ca



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